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SUBJECT: FRELIMO PARDONS 240 "TRAITORS"

REF: (A) DAR ES SALAAM 806 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 61617 (NOTAL);
(C) LUSAKA 478 (NOTAL); (D) BLANTYRE 348 (NOTAL)

1. IN LAST 48 HOURS SINCE "CONFESSIONS" OF SIMANGO, GUMANE
AND OTHERS AT FRELIMO'S NACHINGWEA CAMP WERE PUBLICIZED IN
DAR-ES-SALAAM, NO REFERENCE TO GUMANE'S ALLEGATIONS OF
SUPPORT FROM U.S. DIPLOMATS IN LUSAKA AND DAR HAS APPEARED
IN MOZAMBIQUE PRESS.

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WM HOWEVER, NOTICIAS MORNING MARCH 21 CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE HEADLINED "MALAWI FINANCED SIMANGO". STORY SAID THAT "ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT IN DAR ES SALAAM, SIMANGO CONFESSED TO HAVING RECEIVED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, NAMELY MALAWI, SOUTH AFRICA, USA AND SEVERAL EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT HIS SUBVERSIVE MANEUVERS AGAINST THE STRUGGLE OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE". STORY WENT ON TO SAY MALAWI GOVERNMENT HAD OFFICIALLY DENIED THE ACCUSATION, EMPHASIZING IT HAD NEVER SUPPORTED ANY ORGANIZATION UNFRIENDLY TO FRELIMO.

3. COMMENT: TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE REFERRED TO IS APPARENTLY THAT MENTIONED IN PARA 3 (C) OF REF C, WHICH GIVES EXCERPTS FROM GUMANE'S "CONFESSIONS" BUT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION SIMANGO'S. FROM THE WAY THE LOCAL PRESS HAS HANDLED THE STORY THUS FAR, IT APPEARS THAT FRELIMO IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH NEUTRALIZING ALL INTERNAL OPPOSITION, PARTICULARLY AFRICAN MOZAMBIKAN, AND NOT INTERESTED IN PUSHING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN MEDIA WHICH IT CONTROLS. (GUMANE'S STATEMENT MENTIONS NOT ONLY US, BUT ALSO ISRAEL, BRITAIN, SPAIN, HOLLAND (SIC) AND WEST GERMANY, AS WELL AS AFRO-AMERICAN INSTITUTE. IF THIS IS ALL MOZAMBIQUE PRESS IS GOING TO PUBLISH, I DOUBT IT WORTH WHILE FOR US TO VOLUNTEER COMMENTS. IN ANY EVENT, OUR INSTRUCTIONS COVER ONLY GUMANE'S SPECIFIC CHARGE AGAINST TAYLOR. IF ASKED ABOUT SIMANGO'S CHARGE OF US FINANCIAL SUPPORT, WE INTEND SIMPLY DENY IT FLATLY.
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